Supply of LPG to Sponge Iron industry

3981. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no LPG has been allotted to sponge Iron Industry which has been included by Government in the high priority industries in the new industrial policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) is there any proposal to sanction LPG to the industry under reference; and

(d) the details of such other industries in the public sector which have not been sanctioned any LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) In view of the restricted availability of LPG in the country, LPG is allotted to industrial units including sponge iron industry on grounds of technical essentiality certified and recommended by Department of Industrial Development in the case of large industries and the State Level Committees for Small Scale Industries. To augment LPG supplies to industries in the country, Government in February 1993 has permitted the import and sale of LPG by private agencies under Parallel Marketing System. The entrepreneurs and industries are also free to import LPG for their own use.

Exploration of Oil and Natural Gas in India by Norway

3982. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level technical delegation of oil experts from Norway have visited India to explore the possible avenues of Indo-Norwegian Cooperation in the oil and gas sector;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached with Norway in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the agreement; and

(d) to what extent Norway is going to help India in exploring the oil and gas in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of LPG Distributorships in Andhra Pradesh

3983. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up LPG distributorship at those place where population of more than 20,000 exists in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Subject to economic viability and product availability, LPG distributorships are opened at District Headquarters, and towns having a population of 20,000 and above in a phased manner. Accordingly, 40 locations have been included in the current LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94 for Andhra Pradesh.

भारत ओमान गैस पाइपलाइन

3984. **श्री सोमपाल:**
श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 9 जून, 1994 के "इंडियन एक्सप्रैस" में "ओमान भारत गैस पाइपलाइन कास्टिंग रुपीज 50 मिलियन डालर" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस महत्वपूर्ण परियोजना को पूरा करने के संबंध में कोई अंतिम निर्णय ले लिया गया है; यदि हां, तो इसके कब तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) इस परियोजना का ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) समुद्री पाइपलाइनों के माध्यम से भारत में 56.6 एम एम एस सी एम डी प्राकृतिक गैस के परिवहन हेतु ओमान तेल कम्पनी ने पूर्वव्यवहार्यता अध्ययन पूरा कर लिया है। ओमान की सल्तनत और ओमान तेल कम्पनी के साथ गैस के आयात से संबंधित निबंधनों व शर्तों पर चर्चा की जा रही है। पाइपलाइनों की व्यवहार्यता सिद्ध हो जाने के बाद ही इस संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

Effluents emitted from Mathura Oil Refinery

3985. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mathura Oil Refinery is now emitting more effluents than permissible environmental limits; and

(b) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Mathura Refinery emissions have been well within the prescribed environmental limits/standards.

Special mention relating to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

3986. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special mention made by the MPs in the Parliament relating to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas are neither being acknowledged nor replied; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the replies to the special mentions are sent promptly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) As soon as the references relating to matters raised by the Members of Parliament, in special mention, are received in the Ministry. Prompt action is initiated to deal with the same and to send replies to the concerned Members of Parliament.

Proposal from Uttar Pradesh for retail outlets and LPG distributorship

3987. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent any proposal to the Central Government for opening petrol/ diesel retail outlets and LPG distributorship in all the district headquarters of the State;

(b) if so, the present position in regard to the proposal; and

(c) the reasons for delay in according approval to the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Appointment of HSD dealerships in Arunachal Pradesh

3988. NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for appointment of MS and HSD dealership at BOMDILA (2nd DEPOT), ZIROPOINT, SEPPA, HOLONIL, GONGA MARKET, PAGI GHAT (2ND DEPOT), BOLENG, HUNLI, BUJARI and CHANGLANG in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay to appoint such dealership;

(c) whether feasibility survey has been carried out by the marketing division of IOC(ADD) located at Guwahati; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?